

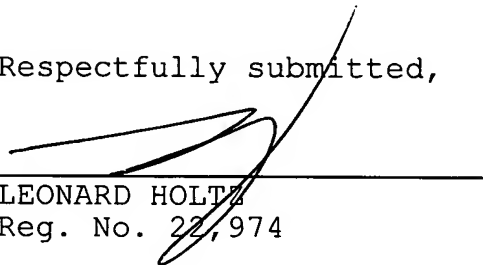
R E M A R K S

The specification has been amended at page 1 to identify that this application is a U.S. National Phase Application under 35 USC 371 of International Application PCT/JP2004/015196.

Claims 5, 8, 10-12, 14, 19, 21, 23, 26 and 31-33 have been amended to delete the multiple dependencies thereof, and new claims 35-43 have been added.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



---

LEONARD HOLTZ  
Reg. No. 22,974

Frishauf, Holtz, Goodman & Chick, P.C.  
220 Fifth Avenue - 16th Floor  
New York, New York 10001-7708  
(212) 319-4900

Fax No. (212) 319-5101

LH/bv